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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING THE STATE
OF GENERATION OF FOREIGN PARTICLES IN
SEMICONDUCTOR FABRICATION PROCESS
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 and 22 as follows:

1. (amended) A processing method for semiconductor devices in a semiconductor fabrication line, comprising the steps of:
processing a substrate in a first processing apparatus;
transferring the substrate processed in the first processing apparatus to a detecting apparatus without removal of the substrate from the semiconductor fabrication line while continuing fabrication of the semiconductor devices;

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